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MR. FORMAN'S COPPER.

How a Spanish Commission Continued to Draw Salaries in Manila.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

MANILA, March 25.—When the representatives of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines officially departed from Manila a year ago they left behind them 6,716 Spanish prisoners in the power of the insurgents and much war material consisting largely of old cannon, ammunition and condemned implements of various sorts. A commission of Spanish officers was appointed from Madrid to remain in Manila to receive their fellow countrymen as they escape from the rebels and to dispose of or ship back to Spain this material of war. The greater part of this commission has just sailed for Madrid. It was composed of thirty-five officers from colonels down, headed by General Nicolas Jaramillo.

Their duties being to receive and provide for the Spanish prisoners in rebel hands as fast as the Spaniards got away and drifted into Manila, and to dispose of Spain's property remaining in the Philippines, they consequently had little to do. The work in regard to the prisoners could have been done by six officers.

The Spanish government in August last offered for sale a great quantity of old metal, being practically "the war material" which it was the duty of this commission to dispose. The greater part of this metal was bought by the representative of an American firm and the payment therefor was made directly to the Spanish minister of war in Madrid.

As fast as the material was paid for the minister of war notified the commission that such material could be delivered to the Manila representative of the American buyers, whereupon the commission here would inform this gentleman, who may be called Mr. Forman, that he was at liberty to remove his property. He procured charters on vessels to the United States and slowly this old metal was started on its voyage to the Atlantic coast.

The last payment of 150,000 pesetas for copper was made to the Spanish government in Madrid about the middle of December, 1904, and Mr. Forman, in Manila, set about providing transportation for this last lot of metal. He went frequently to the office of the Spanish commission, asking them if Madrid had sent them instructions to deliver the copper.

Now as this copper was the last of the war material, its delivery would bring an end to the commission's excuse for remaining in the Philippines and the whole commission agreed that they did not then want to return home and as their hope of remaining was dependent upon the non-delivery of the copper, it was understood that Mr. Forman should not get the property one minute before it was necessary. As a matter of fact, Mr. Forman did not want the copper at that time, but he went every day to see the commission and they always told him: "Not yet, Mr. Forman; Madrid has not sent instructions."

On February 8, he finally arranged for the transportation of this copper and all delay after that date was a loss of time and money to his firm. His persistent demands upon the commission for the delivery of his goods always brought the same answer: "No instructions from Madrid." On February 16, he cabled the Spanish minister of war that he could not obtain the delivery of his goods paid for in December as the commission declared they had received no instructions. Three days after sending the cable to Madrid, Mr. Forman happened to be at the Spanish arsenal

in Manila. He drove to the commission's office and was handed a paper ordering the immediate delivery of his property.

There are yet some 2,553 Spanish prisoners in the hands of the rebels and a commission of six members, with General Jaramillo at its head, remains in Manila to care for them as they come in. When the Spanish soldiers arrive in Manila their government gives them each two suits of underclothing, two uniforms, a hat, a pair of shoes and a cape. They are sent to the barracks at Malate to await a steamer sailing for Spain.

They are also given one month's pay which for sergeants is \$38, for corporals \$27, and for privates \$21. These amounts are in Mexican currency and their gold equivalents are determined by halving them. The American government pays their passage back to Spain. Before they go on the ship they are given a further supply of clothes, and upon landing in Spain they are handed seven months' pay.

Of the 6,716 Spaniards among the Filipino prisoners in April of 1899, 197 obtained their liberty between April and October, 222 got away in November, and when the American troops made their advance into the northern provinces of Luzon in December of last year the movement brought about the release of 2,629 Spaniards in that month alone. During January and February, 1906, 553 of these prisoners escaped and got into Manila and the Spanish commission has been informed of the death of 485, while still prisoners.

Of the original 6,716 captives there yet remain prisoners 45 officers and 2,510 men. The former includes one lieutenant-colonel, one major, three captains, sixteen first lieutenants, twenty-two second lieutenants, one chaplain and one doctor. Among the total of 4,161 Spanish prisoners who have gained their liberty there are 354 gained.

CHADWICK'S "OTHER" OFFENSE.

Gave Out Information Relating to the Sampson-Schley Controversy to a Magazine Writer.

NEW YORK, May 3.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The previous indiscretion of Captain Chadwick, to which Secretary Long refers in his letter to that officer, was committed a long time ago, although it did not come to the notice of the department for some months after it was committed. It was not a criticism of a superior officer, and in referring to it as "a similar misconduct," Secretary Long did not mean to indicate any resemblance between it and the insult to Admiral Schley.

The department considers the case similar to the first one as in that as in the present case Captain Chadwick resorted in a newspaper man confidence of which the newspaper man proved himself unworthy. After leaving Santiago Captain Chadwick allowed a number of important dispatches to be seen by this newspaper man. In fact he left them in the man's possession for some time. The newspaper man copied the dispatches. He did not publish them in any newspaper, but prepared them for use in a magazine article which he intended to write. He did write the article; it was accepted by the magazine, and it was only on the eve of publication that the navy department learned of the fact.

It was impossible to prevent the publication, but the department destroyed the value of the publication to the magazine and the author by immediately giving out to the newspapers copies of the dispatches. They ap-

peared in the newspapers on the day that the magazine containing the article was issued.

The department investigated the matter and found that Captain Chadwick was to blame. He escaped with a reprimand, and the fact that he was in fault and had been punished was never made public. The fact that Chadwick committed the same offense has evidently decided the department to try the efficiency of giving his act and punishment the widest publicity.

The correspondence which Chadwick turned over included all the official correspondence on the subject of the Sampson-Schley controversy, and it was afterward printed by the senate as part of an official document. The papers were sent to the senate February 6, 1898, in response to a resolution calling for information regarding the promotions of Sampson and Schley. They were intended to justify the department's action in recommending the advancement by eight numbers of Sampson and by six numbers of Schley, and they included the now famous letter of Sampson to Long, dated July 18, 1898, in which he used the expression, "represensible conduct," in regard to Schley.

As Chadwick was chief of staff, the correspondence was in his hands, and his indiscretion in giving out papers of such importance for publication was regarded by the department as very great. The correspondence given by him, however, included not only the documents relating to the Sampson-Schley controversy, but all the correspondence relating to the operations of the fleet before Santiago and the recommendations for promotion made after the battle.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

Merchants and Producers of Puerto Rico Will Begin Immense Shipments to This Country.

(Correspondence Associated Press.) SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 25.—The merchants, planters, farmers—all men engaged in Puerto Rican industries—who have been withholding operations pending congressional action, are now ready to invade the commercial field, and the shipments of sugar and tobacco will soon be dispatched to the United States.

It is interesting to note, in this connection, that the retail price of cigars will probably soon be raised, the retail dealers claiming that this step will be necessary on account of the large shipments to the United States. Three steamers leaving here within the next few days will carry over 6000 tons of sugar and about 1500 bales of tobacco.

BISHOP POTTER UNCHANGED.

Stands By His Original Declaration Concerning the Philippines.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Bishop Potter, speaking last night at the annual dinner of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at Delmonico's, said that his mind had not undergone any radical change concerning the Philippines since his return to the United States. He thus illustrated his views:

"If my son should come to me and say he proposed to marry a creole woman with seven children, I would call him a great big ass. But if he came to me and said he had already contracted such a marriage I would still try to maintain intimate relations with him."

"No, gentlemen, what we have done has established just such a relation as that, and it would be a source of national mortification if we gave up our responsibilities because we find them difficult."

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

American Bridge Makers Have Captured a Big Canadian Contract.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Iron Age today says:

A notable event of the past week was the capture by the Phoenix Bridge Company of the contract for the great bridge over the St. Lawrence river, Canada, which will require 27,000 tons of steel. This is one of the largest bridge contracts ever placed.

Proposals are now being invited on the approaches to the new East river bridge, New York, which will take

about 15,000 tons of steel. The bids will be opened on the 31st inst. In connection with these important matters, the fact may be noted that heavy quantities of pig iron for export are under negotiation. It is asserted that possibly 100,000 tons may shortly be covered for foreign shipment, as a result of the negotiations now under way.

Sales of finished products have also been made for export to a considerable extent during the week. Prices are now approaching a level which is offering opportunities for the renewal of export business on dimensions which make the movement appear considerable.

The situation of the domestic market generally is a little less favorable than last week. Prices are yielding under the strain of the recent unfavorable developments and a lower range of values seems to be assured.

The epidemic of strikes now prevalent throughout the country is not calculated to be reassuring and this situation must certainly clear up before much improvement can be made.

DISCOUNT CANADIAN COIN.

TACOMA, May 3.—The Tacoma Clearing House Association today decided to make a discount on all Canadian coin of five per cent. Quarters and half dollars will be discounted five cents and coins of larger denomination than \$1 will be subject to a discount of five per cent. Nickels and dimes will be taken at par.

A TROOPER'S PUNISHMENT.

Severe Example Made By the British in South Africa to Deter Looting.

NEW YORK, May 3.—A special to the World from Ottawa, says: Colonel McClellan has presented in the Canadian house of commons a petition from his constituency asking the government to inquire into the report that a soldier of the First Canadian contingent had been punished for looting.

It appears that after a long arduous march, and having fought in the battle of Paardeburg, the Canadians were exhausted and half starving, having subsisted on quarter rations for three weeks. The Canadian in question, a private, driven frantic by hunger, "commandeered" a Boer farmer's chicken which he shared with his tent companions.

He was subsequently court-martialed for looting, and a war correspondent reported that the British officers sentenced him to 56 days confinement as punishment. This was carried out by being bound with outstretched arms and legs on the wheel of a field gun carriage in the face of the blazing sun for two hours each day. The agony is said to have been intense. The minister of militia could not confirm or deny the correspondent's dispatch. It was shown that such a barbarous



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form of punishment is not provided for in the army laws of England and the government was asked to give the house some information on the subject. The report of Colonel Otter received here, does not state the kind of punishment meted out to the trooper, but adds:

"No doubt the provocation was great, considering the lack of food for the previous three weeks, yet the offense, from a military point of view could not be palliated."

BURLEY WHIPS CURLEY.

SEATTLE, May 3.—Nick Burley knocked out Jack Curley at West Seattle tonight in the fourth round.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Astoria Precinct No. 1	195
Astoria Precinct No. 2	189
Astoria Precinct No. 3	192
Astoria Precinct No. 4	227
Astoria Precinct No. 5	217
Astoria Precinct No. 6	168
John Day Precinct	130
Sydney Precinct	21
Wallula Precinct	28
New Astoria Precinct	101
Warrenton Precinct	33
Clatsop Precinct	29
Seaside Precinct	34
Melville Precinct	25
Chadwell Precinct	42
Youngs River Precinct	22
Olney Precinct	35
Knappton Precinct	63
Clifton Precinct	63
Westport Precinct	21
Vesper Precinct	11
Jewell Precinct	25
Michabaka Precinct	17
Elsie Precinct	25
Push Precinct	18
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Mrs. Sarah M. Keeling, of Windsor Ave., Bristol, Tenn., writes: "I am 47 years old, and for three years had suffered with a severe form of Cancer on my jaw, which the doctors in this city said was incurable, and that I could not live more than six months. I accepted their statement as true, and had given up all hope of ever being well again, when my friend, knowing of my condition, recommended S. S. S. After taking a few bottles the sore began to heal, much to the surprise of the physicians, and in a short time made a complete cure. I have gained in flesh, my appetite is splendid, sleep is refreshing—in fact, am enjoying perfect health."

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